

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Coalition Provisional Authority]

IRAQ SUCCESS STORIES

Reconstruction Projects

CPA is providing funds through military commanders in the field to fund projects at the village and municipal level. Approximately \$24 million has been spent on over 6,200 projects to date.

Health Projects

Saddam Hussein budgeted \$13 million for healthcare in 2002, approximately 50 cents per person. For the second half of 2003, CPA allocated \$211 million, a 3200% increase.

On April 9th only 30% of Iraqi hospitals were functioning. CPA is bringing the healthcare system back to life. Now, all 240 hospitals in Iraq are up and running.

The CPA has wiped away the old corrupt system for distributing medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. In the past 90 days 9000 tons of medical supplies have been delivered; an increase of 700%.

Because of the CPA, Iraqi children have received 22.3 million doses of vaccine to cover over 4 million children and nearly a million pregnant women.

Education

Saddam starved the country's schools of cash for more than 20 years. Children were taught pro-regime slogans in classrooms little better than livestock sheds. Enrollment in some areas had dropped to 50% of eligible children.

The CPA is refurbishing more than 1000 schools. The schools will have new plumbing instead of raw sewage in the playgrounds, fresh paint, blackboards, pencils, and teaching equipment.

Justice System

Nationwide, 90% of courts are up and running. Criminal courts in Baghdad re-opened in May.

A Central Criminal Court made up of specially vetted judges and prosecutors, has been established to try cases in public. The first trial was held on August 25th.

Odious legal provisions inconsistent with fundamental human rights have been suspended. Criminal defendants now have the right to defense counsel at all stages of proceedings, the right against self-incrimination, the right to be informed of these rights, and the exclusion of evidence obtained by torture.

Eight Supreme Court Justices wrongfully removed by Saddam Hussein have been reinstated.

Judge Dara Noor al-Din, who was imprisoned for holding one of Saddam's decrees unconstitutional, is now a member of the Governing Council, in addition to his judicial duties. He was never a Ba'athist.

Judge Medhat Mahmood, was never a Ba'athist, has been named Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Mr. WARNER. There is enormous momentum.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, when I hear this glowing description, I wonder why the administration is asking for another \$20 billion. I wish most of the States in the United States were doing as well as what the Senator from Virginia has described.

If they are doing that well, maybe we should give the \$20 billion to States in the United States that are not doing nearly as well and could probably use the money.

I am glad to hear the hospitals are all operating again. Obviously, from a

humanitarian point of view that is important progress. I hope the Iraqis realize they can go to any hospital they want now and they will receive the help they need. If that is true, why do we need to spend another \$150 million for another hospital? Rural hospitals throughout the 50 States of the United States cannot say that. I know a lot of places in the 50 States in the United States about which we cannot give the kind of glowing report the Senator from Virginia has given about Iraq.

Keep in mind, I am not asking for somebody to walk in there tomorrow and take over. But I would hope that within the next two months, with the 800 people in the palace over there, we might find more than 17 who can speak Arabic. That, I think, would be the kind of expertise the State Department could bring.

I hope we will have more than one expert on Iraq, and I hope we will tell the Iraqi people that we are as interested in them building their country following their vision and not, in almost a condescending way, saying we want them to have the opportunity to build a country that fits the vision our President has for them. After all, we are talking about a civilization that goes back long before this country was even discovered.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I recognize that important bit of history. As I say to my friend of a quarter of century, we have had the privilege of serving here—and I see the distinguished acting minority leader on the floor—it would be the intention of the Senator from Virginia to move to table, but I first would like to hear an expression perhaps from others who might like to address the amendment.

Mr. REID. If the Senator from Virginia will yield.

Mr. LEAHY. I have the floor.

Mr. REID. If the Senator from Vermont will yield, I don't know how much more time the Senator from Vermont has. We have a couple other Senators who wish to speak. Certainly Senator LEAHY has no desire to ride this out. We have a number of amendments lined up and ready to go as soon as this is finished. The Senator from Vermont is the best person to answer that question.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I respond to the distinguished Senator from Nevada, we have had a good colloquy with the distinguished senior Senator from Virginia, which is not unexpected because the distinguished Senator from Virginia is one of the most knowledgeable Members of the Senate, as well as being a dear and close friend. I think we have probably proved, for those who are watching, the edification of having both sides here.

The Senator from Virginia, though I control the floor—I have yielded to him whenever he wanted.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, every courtesy has been extended, and I might add that I am in consultation with the distinguished chairman of the

Appropriations Committee on this matter, who likewise is presently on the Senate floor.

Mr. LEAHY. I have had time to say what I am going to say. I am also apparently having incipient laryngitis, which is probably as crippling an illness as any Member of the Senate could have.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I do not detect it. I think the Senator is standing there with full vigor. I believe we have pretty well covered the major issues.

Mr. LEAHY. Full vigor everywhere except for my tonsils, I would say to my friend from Virginia.

The Senator from Virginia has the right to move to table, but this is an important issue, and I would hope that he would show his usual courtesy and withhold until people have had a chance to speak.

I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS. Before the Senator leaves, Mr. President, could we explore a time agreement on the amendment?

Mr. LEAHY. I ask the Senator from Alaska, could I yield to the Senator from Nevada for that purpose? Whatever is agreeable, I am perfectly willing to do.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we have a Senator's agreement that we are going from side to side. We have another amendment ready to go. We would be happy to proceed. The Senator from Colorado wants to speak for 10 minutes on the bill itself, but I should think we could get a time agreement.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, after having consultation with the interested Senators, I make the following unanimous consent request: I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Colorado, Mr. ALLARD, have 15 minutes; the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. DORGAN, have 2 minutes; Senator LEAHY have 5 minutes; the distinguished minority leader have 10 minutes; Senator BIDEN have 10 minutes; and there be 25 minutes under my control to be allocated to interested Senators on this side, if any, and that there be a vote in relation to the Leahy amendment, with no amendments being in order prior to the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I understand our side is going to move to table the Leahy amendment, and I do support tabling the Leahy amendment. From what I have been able to observe,